

Shelby County Election Commission

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PROVISIONAL BALLOT TOTALS FOR CLOSE RACES

Nov. 9, 2018 (Memphis, Tenn.) Officials at the Shelby County Election Commission have sorted and totaled the provisional ballots for the Germantown Mayor's race and the Tennessee House of Representatives District 31 race.

The totals are:

Tennessee House of Representatives District 31	463
Germantown Mayor	75

Raw numbers were released Thursday, with 1,888 ballots received. These were made up of green provisional ballots, green ballots marked with a sticker and orange ballots.

People whose names were unable to be located on the voter registration rolls voted on a green paper ballot. Those whose names were not found in the rolls and, did not have a photo ID voted on green paper ballots marked with a sticker. People whose names appeared in the registration records but did not have a photo ID voted on orange paper ballots.

Now Election Commission staff will begin researching the ballots individually. Each ballot will be examined to ensure that it was cast by a voter registered in Shelby County. Every ballot cast by a duly registered person will be included in the final count. After researching the ballots, election officials offer a recommendation on whether to include it in the final vote count.

A Provisional Voting Board, made up of two Democrats and two Republicans, convenes after that process is complete and makes a determination, based on the staff's recommendations for each ballot. The date of that meeting is dependent upon when research of the ballots is completed.

"This process takes time, so it will be days before the cumulative totals for each race has been determined," said Linda Phillips, administrator of elections for the Shelby County Election Commission.

Election results will not be final until they are certified by Election Commissioners on Nov. 26.

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